

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 127

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Josie Fellers for her bravery and tenacity in the face of her cancer diagnosis.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of the members of this General Assembly to recognize those exemplary Tennesseans whose bravery is an inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Josie Fellers of Oak Ridge, a young woman who, in the face of great adversity, has exhibited courage and tenacity beyond her years after spending much of 2020 receiving four rounds of chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukemia; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2020, Josie Fellers was a member of the Oak Ridge High School dance team competing in her second round of team tryouts for the University of Tennessee dance team; after experiencing extreme fatigue and muscle soreness, she was diagnosed with leukemia in April of that year; and

WHEREAS, throughout the spring, summer, and fall, Ms. Fellers spent a total of eighty-six nights at East Tennessee Children's Hospital receiving chemotherapy treatments; through it all, Josie kept a positive attitude, taking every shot cancer threw at her with a smile and remaining steadfast in her love of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, now in remission, Josie Fellers began classes at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in January 2021 and is determined to earn a spot on the school's dance team; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fellers has also been asked to serve as the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2021 Girl of the Year; in this position, she plans to raise funds to help fight childhood leukemia and increase public awareness of the disease; and

WHEREAS, since the time of her diagnosis, Josie Fellers has shown rare strength that has inspired all who are fortunate to know her, including her parents, John and Shellie Fellers; her younger sister, Olivia Fellers; and the Oak Ridge and Y-12 communities; and

WHEREAS, Josie Fellers' determination in the face of her cancer diagnosis is indeed an inspiration to us all; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Josie Fellers for her bravery and tenacity in the face of her cancer diagnosis, treatment, and remission, extending to her our best wishes for much health and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.